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SOFALA'S ANCESTORS.

The well known California critic who, under the nom de plume of "Hidalgo" contributes much of great value to the literature of the turf, very correctly condemns the premature and excessive racing to which two-year-olds in this country are subjects. In a recent article taking Barney Schreiber's filly Sofala for his text, he says:

"The mid-winter season is about gone and the springtide days are fairly upon us. And in reviewing the racing proceedings since the holidays I find that the present season shows something without precedent in the history of the turf on either side of the water. I refer to the career of the two-year-old filly Sofala, owned by Barney Schreiber and gotten by Balgown-Apozea, by Bishop. This filly has started eleven times already this year and won nine times, being second twice and never unplaced. She has never been beaten except when conceding a lump of weight to the winner, and it is doubtful if as good a filly of her age can be found between the two oceans. At the same time, I think something should be done, not to discourage two-year-old racing entirely, but to prevent it being done so early in the season. Just look at Crescendo, undoubtedly the best two-year-old ever foaled in this state, and then ask yourself the question, what would he have been had he not been raced to death as a two-year-old? Look also at Tremont, Sensation, Proctor Knott and other brilliant horses that were thrashed to death before their maturity, and then ask yourself what is to be the future of the thoroughbred horses in America if colts and fillies, two-year-olds, are to be allowed to start eleven times before the 15th of March?"

"I write this with no ill-feeling toward the owner of Sofala, for I believe him to be as upright a man as ever followed the vocation of a bookmaker. I know that he 'holds out' his horses whenever he thinks they have any sort of a chance in a race and believe him to be a man whose motto is, 'First, if with honor.' But I believe we have reached a period in our racing history when there must be something done to stop this racing of immature colts and fillies. The only remedy I can conceive of, is for the big Jockey Club at New York, which controls the eastern tracks, to adopt a resolution that no colt or filly that has raced prior to April 15, shall be eligible to start in any two-year-old event over the tracks at Morris Park, Sheephead Bay or Gravesend. As nearly all of these January, February and March races are run for cheap purses, where the winner only gets \$250, this would cause many owners to think twice before starting their youngsters for such small moneys."

"Speaking of Sofala, I ran her back to the seventh generation the other day and found her to be about as hotly bred a bit of horseflesh as anything foaled in America. On the sire's side she runs back to the dam of Medoc, who was the best stallion between Lexington (1850) and Sir Archy foaled 1805. From this great matron (Young Maid of the Oaks) came a galaxy of brilliant performers in Onondaga, Sensation, Acrobat, Glenmore, Potomac, Gunn, St. Brandon, Haname, Eolian, Pardee, King Fox, Ban Fox and Ajax. And if I am not mistaken Medoc headed the list of winning sires in 1833, '39, '40 and '41. He certainly did more to build up the reputation of Glencoe and Wagner than any other sire of that period, for the Medoc mares outbred all others. On the dam's side we find she traces to Gallopade, the founder of the 'Dance family,' and from this have come such marvelous performers as Reel, Banburg, Post Guard, Los Angeles, Domino, Hamburg, Pesara, Kirkman and Ballinkeel in America; and

Starke (Goodwood Cup and Goodwood Stakes) in England, as well as Priress, who won the sensational Cesarewitch of 1857, after a triple dead heat with Queen Bass and El Hakim. When I was a boy Gallopade was considered our greatest matron, with Britannia (dam of Verifier and second dam of Fosser and Vauxhall) in second place. Now we concede the premiership to Levity and a glance at Sofala's tabulation shows all three of these Belgravian dames, Gallopade being represented twice.

"Sofala shows 28 crosses of Pot-8-0s, 26 of Ben ingbrough, 25 of Waxy, 22 of Orville, 29 of Trum peter, 22 of Florizel, 16 of Diomed, 9 of Blacklock and 6 of that wonderful little black horse Sir Hercules, the last of the get of Whalebone and probably his best. She also traces to six winners of the Oaks, Eleanor, Cobweb, Miss Letty, Manuela, Showeller and Princess, something that is likewise exceptional in a mare with native parentage. A table of winning sires in her pedigree shows that the contributing stallions got 43 winners of the Derby, 42 of the St. Leger, 34 of the Two Thousand Guineas, 18 of the Ascot Gold Cup and 19 of the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster. This is what you may call breeding from winning families with a vengeance; and if that is not good enough in itself, she is inbred to Old Alexander's Australian, whom I rank as third to Leamington and Glencoe among imported stallions; and in advance of Glenelg, Bonnie Scotland, Billet and Buckden, ranking in the order named. And while Australian only got one sires (Spendthrift) that could be termed strictly first-class look at what a lot of other useful sires he got:

Second Class.	Third Class.
Springbok	Rutherford
Joe Daniels	Leinster
Fellowcraft	Barnach Lath
Miser	Wilful
Wildside	Chimney Sweep

"Take the get of the eleven horses just named, for the past sixteen years, and where will you find (outside of Leamington), any other stallion, native or imported, whose sons have the same amount of money to their credit? And even in the case of Leamington, it must be remembered that his best son, Iroquois, was out of an Australian mare. If you wish to urge the claims of Bonnie Scotland, you must remember that Bramble, the only one of his sons entitled to be ranked as first class, is also out of an Australian mare. And there you are."

TRAINING AT MORRIS PARK.

The eastern horses are rapidly becoming fit to go to the races. Under the influences of weather which permits constant work on the track many are already in form to face the flag. Of work done at Morris Park Monday the Morning Telegraph says:

"The Morris Park track was in the pink of condition yesterday. The trainers who make their headquarters there were not slow in appreciating the situation and sent their horses over the ground at satisfying speed.

"Several strings quartered at the course are to have a try for honors and money at Aqueduct and other early meetings. The Washington contingent, including James McLaughlin, with seventeen, have already gone to Bennington, and William Oliver will go in a day or two with a couple.

"The latest arrival at the course is a string of racers owned by Mr. H. K. Vingut, who has a lot of five stabled at No. 20, on the hill. The lot, which is trained by Mr. Vingut himself, is composed as follows: Bay colt, Konkonkome, 4, by Lord Hartington-Vulpine, and the 2-year-olds Director, full brother to Diversify, by Magnetizer-Di Vernon; Beau Brocade, by Kingston-Augusta Belle; Balloon, by Potomac-Ballyrea, and Pigeon Roost, by Potomac-

Ethelain. Konkonkome is a timber topper that has been tried well over the jumps, and the youngsters, who are a nice lot on looks, should do credit to the gentleman owner and trainer who is the first who has been bold enough to occupy both position.

"Gentleman training is a new thing in this country, although it is indulged in often abroad, and if other gentlemen who are fond of the turf were to indulge in it, it would go far toward elevating the sport.

"Trainer A. J. Joyner's set, which are to see the flag for the first time at the Aqueduct meeting, were sent down the line at quite some speed. The youngsters of this contingent, which included the two-year-olds Masterful, Ford, Matanzas, Mistigri and Presgrave, breezed a quarter in 28 seconds. The three-year-olds Gonfalon, David Garrick, Maribert and The Chamberlain turned a half in 59 seconds easily.

"Mr. Joyner's four-year-old Autumn has been fired for a splint and was not out on the track. Jockey Maher, who is looking spink and span, and ready for what is to come, exercised the youngsters Ganymede, Perimore and the three-year-old The Chamberlain. The three-year-old Mercer and the youngster Russian, who are to go to the Queens County Jockey Club meeting, got short breathers at something better than half speed.

"Trainer T. J. Healey's string, of which many are to make their appearances at Aqueduct, got all that was coming to them in a training way. Kinnikinnick, who has lately been placed on the list, has recovered sufficiently to be allowed a half in 59 seconds. The youngsters bred as follows breezed through the front stretch at better than a half speed clip: Brown colt, by Longstreet-Glenview; bay colt, by Iroquois-Brunette; chestnut colt, by Loyalist-Bine Dress; bay colt, by Longstreet-Pretense; bay filly, by St. Saviour-Lady Violet; bay colt, by St. Saviour-Clarissima; chestnut colt, by Ormonde-Miss Brummel; bay filly, by Knight of Ellerslie-Sister Louise; chestnut gelding, by St. Saviour-Sophia, and bay colt, by Knight of Ellerslie-Zangara.

"Trainer William Karrick, who is to take a large string to Aqueduct, had a busy morning of it. Dan Ries was allowed a five furlong turn in 1:09. Baby Bill, who is expected to go to Washington for the spring meeting at Bennington, turned the Withers mile in 1:55. A set of youngsters, which included the filly Cherries, by Tenny-Puffer, galloped over the course and breezed through the backstretch at three parts speed. Mr. Karrick's handicap candidate, Kirkwood, was indulged in a half mile breather in 58 seconds. The handsome Meehanus trotted and cantered.

"Steve L'Hommedieu's Bold Knight and the two-year-old Elmore L., by Esher-Deroche-mont, which have been in Mr. Karrick's care, have been sold and will be trained at Gravesend by H. E. Leigh.

"T. B. Alexander's promising colt Henry Mullius, by Spendthrift-Memorial, in Karrick's stable, did a quarter at better than half speed and looks like a runner.

"Trainer James Boden's string look the picture of health and condition. The fast Firearm, which is to be pointed for the Metropolitan Handicap, is hard and ready and turned a half handily in 58 seconds. The dainty filly Donna Henrietta, by Knight of Ellerslie-Belladonna, rattled off a quarter mile of ground in 27 seconds without taking a long breath. Okettee and the youngster Temath breezed a short distance at half speed, and look as if they would make good whenever they are asked.

"Trainer and owner William Oliver's clever

LONG DISTANCE RACING.

The interest in the Bush Cup, two miles and a quarter, run at New Orleans on March 14, indicates that enthusiasm in long-distance racing is not yet dead, but only sleeping, and awaiting the opportunities to arouse it. There were six starters, a large field for a long-distance contest these days, and the time of the race, 3:55, was fast, and may be classed as among the best performances at the distance. Albertvale, the winner, is a bay horse, by Albert-Montvale, and though a confirmed cripple, ran the race in the same time that The Friar, a high class horse, won the Brighton Cup in 1897, when his opponents were Sunny Slope and Ben Brush. The result of the Bush Cup shows that if a cripple can go two miles and a quarter in such good time, there ought to be a sufficient number of comparatively sound horses, unfit for sprinting, to make good fields in more frequent long-distance races, if racing associations would offer greater financial inducements for owners to enter their horses. There can be little doubt but that if more of the over-night events during the season were over distances of from one mile and three-quarters to four miles, this innovation would be popular with the race-going public. It would also be a move toward a return to old principles in establishing those thoroughbred families which should be perpetuated for speed and stamina combined. Speed, with stamina to continue it over a distance of ground, was the pillar upon which the present-day thoroughbred was built, and the excellence of the race horse of today is due to the judicious selection and combination of those strains of blood which had been tried and found to possess the desired characteristics. If, however, we continue to breed for speed alone, to the neglect of conformation and staying capacity the thoroughbred must return to the quarter horse. An examination of the breeding records of America, as well as England, will show convincingly that the best sires have been those horses which have been able to go a distance, while many of the sprinters have been failures in the stud, no matter how favorable their opportunities. The Bush Cup should be a fixture, and every racing association should have a number of races at the cup distance.—Turf Field and Farm.

NOTES OF THE TURF.

The programs for the spring meetings of the Ontario Jockey Club, at Toronto, and the Hamilton Jockey Club, at Hamilton, have been issued. The former begins on May 24 and continues nine days, and the latter begins June 5 and closes on June 9. There is a variety of races, including steeplechases, to suit all classes of horses, and the purses are liberal.

J. J. B. Chicago.—In a heat race, two best in three distance flag is used in two heats. It is not used in a deciding heat. If Banica had fouled Tortugas in the deciding heat of their race she would have been placed second.

The bay horse Aurelian, foaled in 1895, by Sir Modred-Aurelia, by Algerine, the property of ex-Judge Charles A. Conrad, died at Bath Beach, L. I., on March 19.

After purchasing Flying Fox, M. Elmond Blanc insured him for £30,000 from the fall of the hammer. His stud fee has been placed at 400 guineas.

M. T., Chicago.—Cannot say as to Tekla. We only get place and show odds on unplaced horses that are quoted at 4 to 1 or less.

C. A. S., St. Louis, Mo.—No place odds laid against Delmarch in second race at Little Rock, Monday.

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will not be sold separately.

TRAINING AT MORRIS PARK.

(Continued from 1st Page.)

two-year-old Isaac Hopper, by Ludwig-Stambula, easily stepped a quarter in 25 seconds. His Handicap candidate Warrenton turned a half in 53 seconds, and looks in the pink of condition. All Gold, who looks the picture of health and condition, did a half handily in 55 seconds. Brisk, who is to go to Bannings in a few days with Governor Budd, reeled off the half mile ground in 54 seconds.

"Mrs. B. T. Teimann's trainer, T. Dolan, who has been handling the fine filly by St. Leonards, died of heart disease yesterday at the Oliver barn, where he has been housing his racer. Mr. Oliver will now take charge of the mare. Old and oftentimes victorious Ben Ronald, who is now owned and trained by W. Cloyde, was out on the track at good routine exercise, and the trainer thinks he will surely race.

"G. Butler sent Elsie Skip, Huitzilopochtli and others of his string to good routine work.

"T. H. McAvoy's Prince McClurg, who looks in splendid health, breezed a half at better than a two-minute clip."

GOSSIP OF THE TURF.

If we may credit our English contemporaries there is a chance that Flying Fox may once more sport silk in England. Mons. Blanc having shown a desire to start him for the Ascot Cup if John Porter will agree to continue to train Orme's greatest son. The Sporting Times says: "We are glad that Mons. Blanc has bought Flying Fox, because he is a sportsman, and there is a chance that he will run the horse for the Ascot Cup. He has made a request to John Porter that he shall train him for him, and the answer will be given after Mr. Porter has communicated with his employers. Kingsclere is a very 'close borough,' but we should imagine that in this case no objection will be made, and if that is so, Flying Fox will probably be seen at Ascot, and should he win the cup, a Frenchman will know how Englishmen can cheer a French victory. Should there be any hitch about the permission, Flying Fox will probably not carry silk again. In all this there is very strong common sense, and for our own part, if Flying Fox is to be no longer trained by Mr. Porter, we hope that he will not run again. If, in other hands, he were to be upset and not win we should inevitably hear it said, 'It would have been different if he had remained with old John.' Flying Fox is a 'horse of the century.' Of that there can be no doubt. Being a horse of the century, he is different to other horses, and in the hands of those who are not well acquainted with him he might, for racing purposes at any rate, become almost worthless. Even now he likes his mouthful, and is not particular whether it is from the man on his back, the horse that is leading him in his work, or from the green grass. In the middle of a strong gallop he will at times take a snatch at the herbage, and woe to the unwary jockey, as, unless he is quick and lets the reins run through his fingers he will pull him over his head, a thing that has happened more than once. With a horse like this a very little might make him 'go' in his temper as his sire, Orme, did, and we believe his dam is not much better."

As the racing season of 1899-1900 on the Pacific Coast is drawing to a close it seems to have been a very satisfactory one. It is true that this statement may seem rather out of line if we are supposed to believe the lurid articles which have appeared from time to time in the columns of the daily papers devoted to sporting news reflecting upon the methods employed at both tracks and charging favoritism and other unfair dealings. But viewed from an unprejudiced standpoint the Pacific Coast racing will compare favorably with the turf in the east in the matter of jockeys and horses. The good horses which are favorites are winning a satisfactory percentage of their races, and the fact that the poorer horses quite frequently are defeated, (when false favorites among their own kind), is by no means the unhealthy indicator which so many affect to believe. The percentage of winning favorites is proof that the racing is on its merits, and the present California season of racing appears to be distinctly a benefit to the American thoroughbred.—San Francisco Breeder and Sportsman.

PRINCIPAL FOREIGN EVENTS.

Liverpool Grand Nat'l Steeplechase... March 30
Great Metropolitan..... April 24
City and Suburban..... April 25
Two Thousand Guineas..... May 2
One Thousand Guineas..... May 4
Chester Cup..... May 9
Great Jubilee Stakes..... May 11
Newmarket Stakes..... May 16
French Derby..... May 27

Derby..... May 30
Oaks..... June 1
Grand Prize of Paris..... June 10
Ascot Week..... June 12-16
Princess of Wales (\$50,000)..... July 5
Eclipse Stakes (\$50,000)..... July 20
Goodwood Cup..... Aug. 1
Doncaster St. Leger..... Sept. 12
Jockey Club Stakes (\$50,000)..... Sept. 27
Cesarewitch..... Oct. 10
Middle Park Plate..... Oct. 12
Cambridgeshire..... Oct. 24
Dewhurst Plate..... Oct. 25
Manchester November Handicap..... Nov. 24

OAKLAND FORM.

OAKLAND, CAL., March 28.—The form of Thursday's Oakland fields is:

First Race—Orion, Aunt Bird, Chappie.
Second Race—Eonic, Bernato, Laura Marie.
Third Race—Advance Guard, Limerick, Boundless.

Fourth Race—Rosinante, Flamora, Scotch Plaid.

Fifth Race—Miss Rowena, True Blue, Good Hope.

Sixth Race—Lode Star, Storm King, Montalade.

OAKLAND ENTRIES.

Probabilities: Weather clear; track fast.
First Race—Futurity Course.

(170 feet less than 3-4 miles.)

4-year-olds and upward. Selling.

Ind. Horses, color, sex & pedigree, Wt. Hdep.

16936 Sir Casimir..... 4...119.....700

16731 Mainstays..... 8...118.....710

16745 Poika..... 5...116.....700

17119 Meadow Lark..... 8...115.....705

17118*Orion..... 6...115.....725

17130*Chappie..... 6...115.....715

Bastille, b. g. by Oscar—
Four Flush..... 4...115.....705

17130 Croker..... 4...111.....705

17122 Aunt Bird..... 5...108.....720

17088 Peacock..... 4...106.....680

18387 Tourist II..... 4...104.....695

18876 Bonibel..... 4...104.....715

Second Race—1-2 Miles.

2-year-olds. Selling.

Ind. Horses, color sex & pedigree, Wt. Hdep.

Montana Chieftain, b. c. by

Montana—Homeless..... 116.....720

17107 Bernato..... 115.....720

17131 Laura Marie..... 115.....715

17075*Intrada..... 115.....710

17135*Eonic..... 110.....725

16914 Mamie Hildreth..... 110.....710

17120 Androttus..... 110.....705

17120 Bavassa..... 110.....690

17075 Billy Lyons..... 108.....700

17022 Woeful..... 108.....685

17131 Elkarn..... 105.....715

17107*Screenwell Lake..... 105.....705

Third Race—1-1 8 Miles.

3-year-olds. Selling.

Pacific Union Handicap Value \$2,000.

Ind. Horses Age Wt. Hdep.

17121 Advance Guard..... 127.....725

17110 Constellator..... 112.....710

17077 Limerick..... 110.....720

16574*Bathos..... 110.....705

16940*Boundless..... 102.....715

16997 La Borria..... 102.....695

17136 Jolly Briton..... 90.....690

17133 My Gypsey..... 90.....700

Fourth Race—1-1 16 Miles.

3-year-olds and upward. Selling.

(17133) Go To Bed..... 5...108.....715

17121 Imperious..... 5...104.....710

17133*Rosinante..... 6...100.....725

17121 Scotch Plaid..... 5...100.....715

17132*Flamora..... 3...95.....720

16884 Devereaux..... 3...90.....700

17132 Tekla..... 3...85.....710

Fifth Race—3-4 Miles.

3-year-olds and upward. Free Handicap.

17038*Corporant..... 4...110.....705

17123 Ben Ledi..... 4...108.....715

17122 Miss Rowena..... 5...106.....725

16566*Apion..... 3...103.....710

16834 Silver Maid..... 6...95.....700

17122*Vioris..... 4...92.....705

17123*Good Hope..... 4...92.....715

16351 Aluminum..... 5...80.....710

16822 Henrietta G..... 4...80.....690

*S. Parker entry.

Sixth Race—7-8 Mile.

4-year-olds and upward. Selling.

17027 Storm King..... 6...111.....720

16888 St. Cuthbert..... 5...108.....695

17022 Montalade..... 7...108.....715

(17096) Lode Star..... 6...108.....725

17118 Uarda..... 5...106.....715

(17132) Glen Ann..... 5...106.....690

(18884) Lost Girl..... 6...106.....710

17140 Racivian..... 4...105.....705

17093 Casdals..... 4...105.....700

16941 Lavator..... 4...105.....710

17123 Silver Tone..... 4...105.....705

17099 Alaria..... 4...103.....700

LITTLE ROCK FORM.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 28.—The form of Thursday's Little Rock form is:

First Race—Ben Frost, Myrtle Van, Menu.

Second Race—Farmer Bennett, Harry Pulliam, Myra Morella.

Third Race—Cheesestraw, Insurrection, Polly Bibby.

Fourth Race—Joe Frey, Tennis Girl, Denman Thompson.

Fifth Race—Acushla, Free Hand, Her Favor.

Sixth Race—Owensboro, Belle Ward, Lillian Reed.

LITTLE ROCK ENTRIES.

Probabilities: Weather clear; track good.

First Race—3-4 Mile.

4-year-olds and upward. Allowances.

Ind. Horses Age Wt. Hdep.

16996 Myrtle Van..... 6...103.....680

15939 Bonnie Lane..... 5...103.....640

17093 Bell of Erin..... 5...103.....625

17124 Borden..... 5...102.....650

17070 Menu..... 4...102.....675

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FOUL SHOT, BR. H. FOALLED IN 1882.	Musket (sire of Carbine)	Longbow.....	Ithuriel	Touchstone, by Camel.
		Miss Bowe	Pantaloons	Verbena, by Velocipede.
Slander	Half Sister to Toxophilite Gen. Peel's dam	Legerdemain, (Czarwitch)	Decoy	Cattan, by Golumpus.
		West Australian (Derby and St. Leger)	Melbourne	Tranby's dam, by Orvills.
Cassandra	Cassandra	Mowerina	Castrol, by Buzzard.	Castrol, by Buzzard.
		Brown Bess.....	Camel	Idalia, by Peruvian.
Annie Laurie	Cap-a-pie (Imported)	Daughter of.....	Whalebone, by Waxy.	Filho-da-Puta, by H'p'kard.
		Calendar (Imported)	Canteen	Finesse, by Peruvian.
Bell Brand	The Colonel.....	Hambletonia.....	Whalebone, by Waxy.	Humphrey Clinker, by C'mus.
		Tros (Imported)	Alice Grey.....	Cervantes' mare.
Imported.	Sister to Cactus.....	The Colonel.....	The Colonel.....	Touchstone, by Camel.
		Sister to Cactus.....	Dover	Emma, by Whisker.
Imported.	Dover	Bell Brand.....	Sophie	Whalebone, by Waxy.
				Selim mare.
Imported.	Touchstone.....			Brutandorf, by Blacklock.
				Mrs. Cricks' nks, by W'lk'k
Imported.	Verbosa.....			Waxy Pope, by Waxy.
				Castania, by Gohanna.
Imported.	Skilhinda.....			Stamford, by Plenip'tentary.
				Harmonica, by H'mbletn'zaz.
Imported.	Sallie Brass.....			Priam, by Emilius.
				Ally, by Partisan.
Imported.	Touchstone.....			*Rous'Emigrant, by Pioneer.
				*Gulnare, by Young Gohanna.
Imported.	Verbosa.....			Whisker, by Waxy.
				Delpini mare.
Imported.	Sallie Brass.....			Sultan, by Selim.
				Duchess of York, by Waxy.
Imported.	Touchstone.....			Touchstone.
				Verbosa.
Imported.	Skilhinda.....			Skilhinda.
				Sallie Brass.

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